

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
DISTRICT OF VERMONT

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT	*	Civil Action No. 2:24-cv-978
STUDENTS FOR JUSTICE IN	*	
PALESTINE,	*	
Plaintiff	*	
	*	
v.	*	
	*	
THE UNIVERSITY OF	*	
VERMONT and STATE	*	
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE;	*	
and LINA BALCOM, UVM	*	
Director of Student Life and	*	
JEROME BUDOMO, UVM	*	
Associate Director of Student Life,	*	
each in their Official Capacities,	*	
Defendants	*	

**PLAINTIFF'S OPPOSITION TO MR. ZAVALIDROGA'S
MOTION TO FILE AN AMICUS BRIEF**

As already briefed in our opposition to Mr. Zavalidroga's motion to intervene, he lacks the necessary justiciable interest in the litigation. It now appears that he is hedging against the denial of that motion by requesting leave for file an *amicus* brief. This, too should be rejected.

While a lay person is not disqualified from filing an *amicus* brief, s/he should show it will offer a helpful or relevant perspective beyond what the existing parties are providing with specialized expertise in the area or insight into the broader implications of the case which is substantive. The *amicus* filing must also conform to all the technical requirements for such a filing required of attorneys. Mr. Zavalidroga has shown none of this. His *Motion* is not even accompanied by a proposed *amicus* memorandum.

Conclusion.

The *Motion* should be denied.

Dated at Burlington, Vermont this 24th day of October, 2024.

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